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March 21st., 1918.

American Numismatic Society,
New York City,
New York.

Gentlemen;-

We are compiling information covering co-operation between Museums and Schools, and character of benefit derived from Museums by schools.

We found it impossible to formulate a questionaire which would be general enough to meet the varying conditions, as we realize that no two Museums follow the same policy; therefore we take the liberty of asking you to assist us in our research by giving us, in as condensed a form as possible, a brief report of what your particular institution may be doing in the way of cooperation with schools.

Your kind assistance will be greatly appreciated by

Yours sincerely.

Amelia Meriswez.

Curator Educational Museum.

March 27th, 1918.

Miss Amelia Meissner, Curator,
Educational Museum,
18th & Carroll Streets,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:-

I have your letter of the 21st regarding co-operation between schools and museums. So far as any benefit from the schools is concerned, we receive very little because the major portion of our collection is such that only students in advanced grades are likely fully to appreciate it. As to our value to them, that is quite another matter. We endeavor to meet the need of each particular case as it arises, but I think it is fair to say that in most cases the inquirers are willing to stop when they have obtained a very superficial contact. We have one teacher in a school nearby who brings his classes here for visits frequently, but I am unable to say just what form of application he makes of the visit. The possibilities of numismatics as aids in teaching history and especially Greek art have not begun to be realized. In a general way numismatics appeals to the boys more than it does to the girls. If further information is desired, I shall be very glad to answer specific questions.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

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